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Dear Mr. Krishnamachari,

His Excellency has consented to open the Mayavaram Students' Hostel on his way from Tinnevely to Madras at the conclusion of his forthcoming tour. I enclose a copy of the address to be read on this occasion and shall be obliged if you will let me have short notes on the matters mentioned therein, more especially the reference on page 2 to the hope of the Governing Body that an Arts College and a Technological Institute will spring up at Mayavaram at no distant date.

The request to His Excellency to open the Hostel was received through the Hon'ble the First Minister and His Excellency expects therefore that the Raja has informed his Hon'ble colleague M₂. If not I am to request you kindly to intimate the Hon'ble the Minister for Education the fact that His Excellency has received this invitation.

Yours sincerely,

M.R. Ry.

Rao Bahadur V.T. Krishnamachariar
Avl.,

[Signature]



To

His Excellency the Right Hon'ble

George Joachim Viscount Goschen of Hawkhurst,

G.C.I.E., C.B.E., V.D., Governor of Madras.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the members of the Governing Body of the Mayavaram Students' Hostel Association, beg leave to express our most heartfelt gratitude to Your Excellency for your exceedingly kind response to our invitation to open the Hardinge Hostel Buildings. This day marks an epoch in the history of our Association as it witnesses the realization of a scheme initiated as early as 1913.

The Municipal High School for which the Hostel Buildings are mainly intended, was first started as an Elementary School in 1873, and raised to a High School in 1880. Its strength in 1880 was a little over two hundred, its present strength being 750.

The need for providing hostel accommodation to the student population of Mayavaram was expressed as far back as 1892 by our distinguished countryman and Judge, the late Sir T. Muthuswami Ayyar, on the occasion of his opening the right wing of the main block of the Municipal High School Buildings. The idea was again emphasised by Mr. Narayanaswami Ayyar, B.A. Headmaster, in his annual report of the school for the year 1899.

The Hostel scheme in its present form was conceived by the late Rao Bahadur K. Seshu Ayyar, Headmaster of the School from 1911 to 1918, and a distinguished educationist of Southern India, and with the whole-hearted and earnest co-operation of M.R. Ry Rao Bahadur S.N.V. Rajachar then Deputy Collector, Mayavaram, and now Diwan of Bobbili, and the ever active and painstaking Secretaries, Rao Sahib K. Vaithinatha Ayyar and T.R. Raghunatha Rao, B.A., B.L., he succeeded in securing the acquisition of this spacious garden measuring 38 acres for playground and hostel purposes.

But Mr. Seshu Ayyar did not live to see the fruition of his labours. His esteemed friend Mr. S.N.V. Rajachar pushed on the work with unflagging zeal, though later he was transferred to distant places. But for him it might not have been possible to complete this block of buildings today.

This picturesque garden where the buildings are located was acquired in 1916. On the 9th November 1924 the foundation for the buildings was laid by Your Excellency's Chief Minister, the Rajah of Panagal. The interval between 1916 and 1924 was occupied in settling the terms for registering ourselves as a corporate body under the Indian Companies Act and collecting donations for the buildings, which was a tedious and onerous duty successfully and creditably done by our Secretary Rao Sahib K. Vaithinatha Ayyar. We feel that the opening of these buildings by Your Excellency is a happy augury not only for the completion of the rest of the buildings and the future expansion of the hostel but also for the springing up of an Arts College and a Technological Institute amidst these beautiful surroundings at no distant date. We may beg leave to add that a munificent donor Mr. M. Chidambaram Pillai of Singapore, has, a few months ago, bequeathed landed property in Singapore estimated at about 4 lakhs to be utilized for educational purposes in Mayavaram and that the Executors of his will are taking steps in Singapore to give effect to the testator's wishes, God willing and law permitting.

We take this opportunity of appealing to those gentlemen who have not yet paid their promised donations to do so at an early date and to the generous public to contribute liberally towards the furtherance of our object. The block we have just finished will afford accommodation for only 42 pupils. When it is remembered that over a fourth of the school-going population are residing in the town without their parents or guardians, the urgent need for the

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early completion of the second block will be readily conceded
by all.

We feel highly indebted to Your Excellency's
Government for having included our Hostel buildings among
the approved works for which grants from the Government will
be available to the extent of half the estimated cost, and
for the payment of Rs. 24,500/- made to us already towards the
cost of the acquisition of the grounds and the construction
of the building. We pray that Your Excellency may be pleased
to bestow a favourable consideration on the request we shall
have to make to Your Excellency for financial help in respect
of an additional expenditure of about Rs. 4,000/- which we had
and have to incur for raising, agreeably to expert advice, the
level of the ground and the basement of the building on account
of local conditions.

We feel it our duty on this occasion to express
our obligations to the District Board, Tanjore, R.B. Wood Esq.,
I.C.S., J.R. Higgins Esq., I.C.S., R. Narayana Aiyar Esq., I.C.S.,
and A. Narayana Pantulu Esq., B.A., B.L., for the valuable
help they have rendered to us for carrying out our scheme,
and to Messrs. S.D. Shroff, Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Gan-
gavay Division, Tanjore, and P. Desikachari, District Board Engi-
neer, Tanjore, for their hearty cooperation and timely advice
given during the construction of the buildings. Our special
thanks are due to Mr. A.G. Lakshminarayana Aiyar, Sub Divisional
Officer, P.W.D., Mayavaram Division, who was ready to inspect
our buildings as often as we desired, and we always had the
full benefit of his expert advice and assistance in the con-
struction of the buildings. We are also deeply indebted to
Mr. R. Ry. D. Vaidyanatha Dikshitar A.M., B.A., B.L., Secretary,
Building Committee for his wise and energetic guidance
and supervision at every stage of the building. We could not
have finished the building in the short space of 11 months.
We had the hearty cooperation of the Municipal Council guided

by its Chairman M.R. Ry. D. David Nadar A.M., throughout the course
of construction.

We feel highly honoured by the presence of Her
Excellency Viscountess Goschen on this occasion and beg
leave to tender Her Excellency our heartfelt gratitude for
the honour thus conferred on us.

We beg to request that Your Excellency may be
pleased to open the Buildings, and by the grace of Providence,
and with Your Excellency's good wishes and the generous support
and sympathy of the public, we shall strive our utmost to
make this institution a real home for its inmates, training
them to become worthy citizens, loyal to God, King and country.

We beg to remain,
Your Excellency's most obedient servants,
Mayavaram.
28th Octr. 1925.
Members of the Governing Body.

Subject:- Mayavaram Students Hostel.

Origin of the Hostel/scheme and acquisition of land for hostel.

In 1913 a committee called the Hardinge Hostel Committee of Mayavaram was formed with the object of opening hostels in Mayavaram for the boys of the High School. The Committee consisted of the leading people in the Mayavaram revenue division, the number of members being 49. At first ~~it~~ was managed a hostel with 50 boys in a building which was rented at Rs 50 a month. In 1915 the committee began to take steps for the acquisition of a site and for the construction of a building for the hostel. ^{The Committee} ~~the committee~~ selected a site known as 'Rajanthottam', ~~located near the school~~ ^{Situated} at a distance of about a furlong from the High School. The cost of the site was estimated at Rs 25,000 towards which the Government paid a grant of Rs 12,500. The District Board paid a free grant of Rs 5,000 and the balance of Rs 7,500 was raised by the Municipal Council as a loan from the District Board.

2. Registration of the committee under the Companies Act.

In 1917 the Committee applied for registration under the Indian Companies Act. Under the scheme formulated by the committee for the management of the hostel, the hostel was to be an adjunct of the school but was to be administered by an independent private body in which the Municipal Council was to have only a few representatives. Further it was also proposed to throw open the hostel to the students of all educational institutions in Mayavaram. The Government considered that the hostel should be exclusively for the students of the Municipal High School and should

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be under the supervision of the Municipal Council. They also stated that the buildings, as apart from the land, should be vested in the Hostel Committee as Trustees. In 1920 the Hostel Association revised the Memorandum and Articles of Association in accordance with the suggestions of the Government, and the association was thereupon registered under the Companies Act under the name of the 'Mayavaram Students Hostel Association'.

Building scheme.

In July 1924 the D.P.I. submitted plans and estimates forwarded by the Mayavaram Students Hostel Association for the construction of a hostel on a portion of the Rajanthottam site. The total cost of the building was estimated at Rs 76,700. The work has been included by Government in the list of approved works and the Association is therefore eligible for a grant of one-half of the cost of the work. In the ordinary course the grant will be disbursed after the work is completed. Portions of the grant may, however, be paid in advance if the D.P.I. is satisfied that the work is proceeding satisfactorily. It is understood from the D.P.I.'s office that a sum of Rs 14,910 has been paid so far in respect of this work.

The address refers to an additional expenditure of Rs 4,000 which had to be incurred on the buildings. Under the rules in the Grant-in-aid code, if the expenditure actually incurred exceeds the original estimate, a supplementary grant not exceeding one-half of the cost may be given by Government, provided the management produces vouchers and certificates showing ^{the} actual amount expended in completing the work. ^{the request for addl. grant will be considered when an application is received.}

4. Establishment of ~~an~~ ^{the} college and Technological ~~institute~~ ^{at} Mayavaram.

There are at present ^{two} Arts Colleges in the Tanjore district, one at Kumbakonam and the other at Mannargudi. The former is a Government institution

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and the latter is maintained by the Wesleyan Mission. Both Colleges ~~take~~ teach up to the B.A. standard. They had a strength of 372 and 132 respectively on 31-3-25.

Judged from the figures, it does not appear that the two colleges are filled to their maximum capacity. At any rate the Findlay College might be able to take in some more students. This apart, the policy of Government in the matter of higher education is to rely ^{mainly} on aided agency. In the address ⁿ reference is made to a property at Singapore, willed away by Mr. M. Chidambaram Pillai. If the executors of the will and the public of Mayavaram come forward with a well-considered proposal for establishing a college in Mayavaram ~~same~~ and if the need for it is established, the department will be prepared to consider the question of giving financial assistance to the project.

In regard to a Technological Institute, it may be noted that the only Engineering College for the Presidency, namely, that at Guindy, cannot be said to have developed into a Technological Institute. The first efforts of the Government should naturally be directed to developing the Guindy College. The Government will also be called upon to provide for an institute of the kind affiliated to the future Andhra University. A Technological Institute for Mayavaram managed or substantially aided by Government does not seem to be within the region of practical politics for ~~some time to come~~ ^{at present}. But if private efforts are really found Govt. will be prepared to consider the question of aiding the undertaking.

5. The file may be circulated to H.E through M -- please see also paragraph 2 of the P.S.G.'s D.O on page 1 ante.

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Returned with a copy of His Excellency's speech.



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Members of the Governing Body of the Mayavaram Students' Hostel Association, ladies and gentlemen,

Let me in the first place congratulate all those to whose efforts on behalf of the student population is due the completion of this building which I am opening this morning. It is some years since educationists in this town first began to realise the need for providing hostel accommodation but the good seed which they sowed has borne fruit today and their labour was not in vain. For my part it gives me great satisfaction that I have been allowed to take a part, however small, in inaugurating this hostel system in Mayavaram, for I believe it will do incalculable good for the young men of the schools in this place. We, Englishmen, are proud of our public school system in the West, which we believe develops the best in our boys and turns them out men of grit and character. Out here in India it is true you have not got the residential public school but by the establishment of hostels you can go very near it. I am certain of one thing and that is this that

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parents will welcome this opportunity to have their boys properly housed and looked after instead of being turned loose in the town to be subjected to every kind of temptation. But the hostel system has more than a merely negative value, it does more than merely keep the student out of mischief. It is an important factor in the formation of his character. It is not in the class room that a boy's character is made and his manhood developed; rather it is outside lesson hours in school and college life when in continual contact with his fellow students he learns for the first time that he is only one unit in a corporate body, that he must work and play not for himself alone but for the whole of which he is but a part. And this lesson well learnt he will carry with him into the big world beyond of which he will one day be a citizen. The hostel system is I am convinced a powerful factor in teaching boys this lesson and in engendering that spirit of esprit de corps and comradeship which are prime essentials in the formation of character. The young men of this town owe a deep debt of gratitude to the association which has shown so practical an interest in

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their welfare. To the students themselves I would say this, see to it that you make a good return for the opportunities thus created for you, for all the efforts that are being made to send you out into life fully equipped for life's battles. Seize the moments now, and the chances they bring you, for you cannot put back the clock and opportunities which you lose now will never return. When we are old, we see what we missed in our school and college days but then it is too late. The good advice of our elders who have profited by experience young men in the confidence of youth are prone to regard as the pratings of dotards. Afterwards when we are faced with life's battles, we see that the advice we rejected was sound. Some of you may have read Henry Newbold's poem, which begins,

Here is the Chapel, here my son
Your Father thought the thoughts of youth
And heard the words which one by one
The touch of life has turned to truth.

Take the advice of one who has learnt by experience and see that you miss not the opportunities which are now being created for you, and you will grow up good and useful citizens of whom your school and college

will not be ashamed.

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Before I close I would just refer briefly to one matter mentioned in the address, namely the question of the additional expenditure of Rs.4,000 which had to be incurred on these buildings. As you are probably aware, under the rules of the Grant in Aid Code if the expenditure actually incurred exceeds the original estimate, a supplementary grant not exceeding one half may be given by Government, ^{the management produces} provided vouchers showing the actual amount expended in completing the work. Your request to Government will be considered in the light of these rules when your application is received.

In conclusion I pray that God's blessing may rest on this hostel and upon those who will henceforth reside in it.

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